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## FLEET GETTING POOR FISHING.

LIGHT FISH RECEIPTS SHOW FLEET HAS MET WITH HARD WEATHER.

The arrivals since last report tend to confirm the belief that the fleet to the eastward is up against the hardest kind of weather and getting poor fishing. Sch. Effie M. Prior is home this morning hailing for 30,000 pounds of fresh fish and when Capt. Elroy Prior, one of the best that goes, comes home with a trip of that size the conditions must certainly be very much against doing much fishing and securing anything like a profitable fare.

Sch. Mildred Robinson came in yesterday afternoon from a salt cod shacking trip, hailing for 45,000 or 50,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Devine reports unusually bad weather and fish scarce.

Sch. Gov. Russell of the Provincetown dory handline fleet also came in yesterday afternoon, hailing for 150,000 pounds of salt cod, which represents her entire season's catch.

Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Percy Firth, from Georges drifting, has a snug fare of 30,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Firth is one of the young, hustling additions to the ranks of the master mariners and is surely making a good name for himself.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, of the shore market fleet, is also in here this morning and will probably land her fare here.

The wind was too much for the torchers last night consequently there is no fresh bait over here this morning.

This noon sch. Lottie G. Merchant, one of the dory handline fleet, arrived with a small fare, 40,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Patrician, one of the eastern cod shacking fleet also came in with a nice trip, 60,000 pounds of salt cod and 45,000 pounds of fresh cod.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Gov. Russell, dory handlining, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Mildred Robinson, Quero Bank, salt shacking, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Effie M. Prior, Sable Island Bank, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Eglantine, Georges, drifting, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Aspinet, shore.  
Sch. Hortense, shore.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.  
Sloop Vesta, shore.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.  
Sch. Little Fanny, shore.  
Sch. Volant, shore.  
Sch. Motor, shore.  
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, shore.  
Sch. Julietta, shore.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, pollocking.  
Sch. Wm. H. Rider, pollocking.  
Sch. Juniata, pollocking.  
Sch. Edward A. Rich, pollocking.  
Sch. Manomet, shore.  
Sch. Priscilla, shore.  
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.  
Sch. Galatea, shore.  
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.  
Sch. Valentinna, shore.  
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.  
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, dory handlining, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Patrician, Western Bank, 60,000 lbs. salt cod, 45,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. M. Madeleine, shore.  
Sch. Almeida, shore.  
Sch. Winnifred, shore.  
Sch. Grace Otis, shore.  
Sch. Massasoit, shore.  
Sch. Mabel Bryson, shore.  
Sch. Emerald, shore.  
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore.  
Sch. Lillian, shore.  
Sch. Priscilla, shore.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.  
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.  
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.  
Sch. Georgianna, shore.  
Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.  
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.  
Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, shore.  
Sch. Margie Turner, via Portland.  
Sch. Catherine Burke, via Portland.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Smuggler sailed from Canso, N. S., for this port on Tuesday.  
Schs. Pinta and Premier were at Louisburg, C. B., on Tuesday and cleared for home.

### Dory Handline Cod Fare Sold.

The fare of dory handline cod of sch. Governor Russell sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

## POLLOCK AND HAKE HAVE LEAD.

STEAMER SPRAY AND SCH. GLADYS AND NELLIE HAVE GOOD HADDOCK FARES.

Eleven out of the 23 trips of fresh fish at T wharf this morning are pollock, and they are mostly small, running from 3500 to 12,000 pounds. In the other fares, all market boats, excepting the steam trawler Foam, hake predominate, although a few have fair lots of haddock. Cod continues in very light receipt, which is quite natural at this season of the year for vessels fishing to the westward.

The Spray has the largest fare, 45,000, and they are about all haddock. Sch. Gladys and Nellie, as usual, has a nice fare, 22,000 pounds, 15,000 pounds of which are haddock.

Quite a number of the Provincetown fleet are in with fair catches, but take it all in all it isn't much of a fish day at the big pier.

Prices are good on haddock and cod, low on hake and about all that could be expected on pollock. The former are selling at from \$3.50 to \$3.75, with large cod at \$4.50 to \$5.50. Hake are \$1.15 to \$1.50 and pollock \$1.25 to \$1.50. The fares and prices in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Columbia, 1500 cod, 3500 pollock.  
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1600 cod, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Lafayette, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Actor, 5500 pollock.  
Sch. Viking, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 9000 pollock.  
Sch. Pythian, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 9000 pollock.  
Sch. Bessie, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Thalia, 10,000 haddock, 6000 cod.  
Sch. Leo, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 35,000 hake.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 11,000 haddock, 5200 cod, 25,000 hake.  
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 12,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 200 haddock, 1500 cod, 14,000 hake.  
Sch. Appomattox, 10,500 cod, 500 pollock.  
Sch. Eliza A. Benner, 7000 cod, 500 pollock.  
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 15,000 haddock, 1400 cod, 6000 hake.  
Steamer Spray, 37,000 haddock, 1700 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 1000 haddock, 8500 cod, 15,000 hake.  
Sch. Annie Perry, 9000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 hake.  
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3.60; hake, \$1.15 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.30.

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### Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Trawl Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.25.  
Trawl bank cod, \$3.87½ per cwt. for large, \$3.37½ for mediums.  
Drift Georges cod, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Eastern double dory salt handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.55 for mediums.  
Bank halibut 11 cents per lb. right through for white and gray.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.  
Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt hake, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.  
Swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish:  
Western cod, large, \$2.25 per cwt.; medium, \$1.75.  
Eastern cod, large, \$1.90 per cwt.; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 60 cts.  
Western bank cod, large, \$2.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$1.65.  
Cusk, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50 cts.  
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.25 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

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### Pacific Halibut at Boston.

Five carloads of Pacific halibut have been received at Boston the past week.

## HANDFUL OF FISH AT T WHARF.

ONLY THREE TRIPS HAVE 40,000 POUNDS AT BOSTON TODAY BUT PRICES MAKE DROP.

There are only three trips of fresh fish at T wharf this morning and the aggregate is only a handful. Prices are off and for the first day for a long time large cod have dropped below the \$6 mark. Forty thousand pounds will cover all that is in.

The fares and prices in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Rhodora, 1700 haddock, 4000 cod, 15,000 hake, 2000 cusk, 1800 pollock.  
Sch. Quonnapowit, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Patriot, 4500 pollock.  
Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$1.15 to \$1.55; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

### Smelts at Boston.

A second big shipment of barreled smelts reached T wharf Friday morning, and like those that came Thursday the fish were large in size and handsome. The price of smelts have gone down so much that the extras are now selling for less than small smelt brought two weeks ago.

### USED DRUG IN CATCHING FISH.

Poison Harmless to Human Beings Used by Brazil Indians.

Poisoning the water of a pool is the remarkable method employed in catching fish by the Tupuya Indians, who dwell in the wilds of Brazil, says the National Geographical Magazine.

The kind of poison used is apparently harmless to human beings, so that the fish captured in this way are eaten the same as if they were taken by rod or net.

Perhaps partly because it is against the law to poison streams in Brazil the Indians are shy about letting strangers see him fishing in the ancestry style.

However, a traveller, who had lived among them for a couple of years, was at last admitted into their confidence and permitted to view the operation.

Arriving at a pool in the stream in the woods the men of a party of Indians divided into two groups, one of which went up and the other down the stream a little distance, stripped to the skin, entered the water and walked toward each other with splashes and shouts, driving the fish into the pool.

A man was left on guard at each end of the pool, while the others climbed out and dressed.

A woman meanwhile had been grating "barbasco" roots, which resembled horse-radish, with the horny dried tongue of a red fish.

The grated root was put into about two quarts of water, and the mixture was thrown, a little at a time into the pool at different points. About two minutes later tiny fish came floating to the surface, stomach up. They revived, went down and came up again to stay longer.

After ten minutes all the small fry were permanently on top and the larger fish were struggling with the effects of the poison. When twenty minutes had gone by the surface of the pool exhibited numbers of fish from eight to twelve inches in length, and the Indians began to gather them in with long handled scoop nets.

A bushel basket was almost filled with the catch. Most of the victims were a species of catfish, although there were many specimens strange to Northern anglers.

The fish were broiled beside the stream and heartily partaken of by the assembled men, women and children.

The white spectator hesitated at first to join in the poison feast. In order to reassure him an Indian mixed several spoonfuls of the poisoned water and drank it down without any ill effects, and upon seeing which the traveller joined safely in the repast.

The Indians said that the little fish left floating in the pool were dead, but that uncaptured larger ones would recover from the effects of the poison, as it gradually became diluted in the water.



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## ONLY TWO TRIPS AT THIS PORT.

### INCOMING CAPTAINS REPORT HARD WEATHER ON THE FISHING GROUNDS.

There are only two trips here this morning and both of those came in yesterday afternoon. Sch. Mary F. Curtis, from an eastern shacking trip, brought home 65,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Elector, one of the dory handline fleet, came home from her second trip with 75,000 pounds of salt cod. Both captains report a long spell of hard weather on the fishing ground.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Elector, dory handlining, 75,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Sable Island, ground, 65,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, via Boston.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, via Boston.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, pollocking.

Sch. Mettacommet, pollocking.

Sch. Galatea, pollocking.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, pollocking.

Sch. Massasoit, pollocking.

Sch. Emerald, pollocking.

Sch. Valentinna, pollocking.

Sch. Olympia, pollocking.

Sch. Winnifred, pollocking.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, pollocking.

Sch. Volant, pollocking.

Sch. Georgianna, pollocking.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Motor, shore.

Sch. Lillian, shore.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Lillian, haddocking.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.

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Eastern double dory salt handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.55 for mediums.

Bank halibut 11 cents per lb. right through for white and gray.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$1.25 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.

Dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.

Swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Western cod, large, \$2.25 per cwt.; medium, \$1.75.

Eastern cod, large, \$1.90 per cwt.; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 60 cts.

Western bank cod, large, \$2.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$1.65.

Cusk, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50 cts.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.25 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

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#### Lunenburg Fish Notes.

Sch. Alma Nelson finished landing her cargo of 225,000 pounds of fish at Riverport Tuesday morning. This is Capt. Bachman's third trip and the whole of the fare was taken off two baitings. In all, the vessel has landed 4400 quintals of fish for the season.

Sch. Alice Gertrude is taking ice, preparatory to sailing for the banks.

Sch. Edyth sailed from Mahone Bay on Saturday for Newfoundland with supplies for the destitute people on the coast of Labrador.

Sch. Hawanee is at Riverport from the banks with 400 quintals of fish.

Sch. Defender arrived from the banks Monday evening.

Sch. Electro arrived from the banks Monday night.

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#### Portland Fish Notes.

Thursday's arrivals:—Sch. A. D. Willard, 8000 lbs. fish; sch. Katie L. Palmer, 7000.

The herring catch reported Thursday was very light, only about 250 barrels being landed. The fishermen reason that the very light nights of the past week is the cause of the falling off in the catch, dark nights making the best runs.

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### STOCKED \$4100 IN THREE WEEKS.

Capt. Felix Hogan in Sch. Raymah Making Record Tending Market.

Sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, which has been tending the T wharf market since knocking off shacking to the eastward has been doing finely, for in the past three weeks the energetic captain and his crew have rolled up a stock of \$4100. Capt. Hogan is one of the fishing lights in the shack and market fishery and evidently has his lamps trimmed this fall for he has started in in good shape.

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### LIVELY BIDDING FOR HALIBUT.

Fare of Sch. Catherine Burke at Portland Got Highest Price of Season.

Sch. Catherine Burke arrived at Portland on Tuesday with a fare of halibut. Hot bidding between those people who thought they might land the fare at once resulted. When the fun was off, 14 3-4 cents a pound had been paid for the fare right through, the highest figure that has been quoted since last winter. But as the grays and whites both brought the same figure this is probably higher than was paid at all during the cold weather.

Halibut have been very scarce of late at Portland and the market has been firm. Wednesday when the Marjle Turner came in her fare was disposed of at better than 13 cents right through Thursday when the Burke came in, few looked for the fish to go any higher than the day before.

F. H. Hardy, representative of the New England Fish Co., started the bidding at 13 cents a pound right through. Del Sargent raised this a quarter of a cent more. So it went on.

It was a case of trying to force the other man to buy rather than trying to get the fish, and the price was jumped a quarter of a cent a pound in the hope that the cargo could be dumped on the other. When the figure reached 14 3-4 Mr. Hardy declared that Mr. Sargent could have them for he said there was no money in halibut at that price. Mr. Sargent then took the fish in charge for the Commercial wharf dealers, while Mr. Hardy, not one bit disappointed at losing the fare at that price, walked away with a smile. Portland Press.

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### BOUGHT VESSELS FOR FLORIDA.

Boston Schs. Alcina and Ida M. Silva Will Go to Pensacola.

Following his usual fall custom, Capt. Frank Cooney has varied the monotony of fishing by buying a couple of vessels to send to a firm down in Florida, and says he is looking around for three or four more if he can get the kind he is looking for.

He has bought for the E. E. Saunders Fish Company of Pensacola, Florida, the sch. Alcina of Boston, 81 tons gross, 53 tons net, and built at Essex in 1899, also sch. Ida M. Silva of Boston, 55 tons gross, 55 tons net, built at Essex in 1903.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Susan and Mary was at Shelburne, N. S., on Friday and cleared.

Sch. Blanche was at Lunenburg, N. S., on Friday and cleared.

Schs. Fannie E. Prescott and Corsair were at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday and cleared.

Schs. Elsie and Rex were at Canso, N. S., on Friday.

Sch. Madonna sailed from Canso, N. S., on Friday for this port.

Sch. Arbutus sailed from Canso, N. S., on Friday for the banks.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall was at Halifax, N. S., on Thursday.

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### Mackerel at T Wharf.

There were considerable mackerel at T wharf this morning, for in addition to the 250 barrels of the fresh and salt article brought up from Yarmouth on the steamer Prince Arthur, yesterday, the Digby boat probably had a cargo.

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### Lunenburg Fishing News.

Sch. Falcon is at LaHave, from North Bay, with 800 quintals of fish.

Sch. Defender, which arrived from the banks Wednesday, had 200 quintals of fish. Capt. Knickle reports the weather very stormy on the banks.

Sch. Corean is at LaHave from North Bay, with 800 quintals of fish.

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## SALT COD FARES SOARING HIGHER.

FARES OF SCHS. PATRICIAN AND  
MABEL D. HINES SOLD AT  
INCREASE.

The motto of salt cod fares seems to still be "higher, ever higher," and even fresh cod seems to have caught the prevailing distemper and taken a jump in the price scale along with its more aristocratic brother.

The fare of the fresh and salt shacking sch. Patrician, which came in Friday afternoon, was disposed of Saturday afternoon, the winning concern in the bidding for the trip being George Perkins & Son. The salt cod brought \$4 per hundred weight for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.50 for snappers, which was a raise of 12 1-2 cents on both the large and mediums and half a dollar on the snappers.

The fresh cod, some 40,000 pounds, which also constituted part of the Patrician's fine fare was sold to the same concern at \$2.50 per hundred weight for large, \$1.75 for mediums and 75 cents for snappers. These figures also represent a big raise, as last sales of fresh Western Bank cod were \$2.12 1-2 for large, \$1.65 for mediums and 60 cents for snappers.

Later in the day the fare of trawl salt bank cod of the straight salt banker Mabel D. Hines, which has been on the market since Thursday, and on which there was considerable spirited bidding was disposed of at \$4.25 per hundred weight for large, \$3.87 1-2 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers, the successful bidders being F. F. Smith & Company and Davis Brothers, who will divide the fare of 230,000 pounds. When the fare was put on the market, the last sales were \$3.70 for large and \$3.37 1-2 for mediums.

#### Other Salt Cod Sales.

The fare of dory handline salt cod sch. Elector sold to F. F. Smith & Co. at the last sales, \$4.50 per hundred weight for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.

The fare of salt cod of the eastern salt shacking sch. John Hays Hammond sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company at last trawl bank cod sales, \$4.25 for large, \$3.87 1-2 for mediums and \$2.50 for snappers.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

Fish are not over and above plentiful; in fact they are scarce in the opinion of a number of fishermen who arrived at Portland Friday after spending two or three days off the Cape. About the only fish that are being found are hake while cod and haddock are hardly seen.

Sch. George H. Lube arrived at Portland Friday and of her fare of 20,000 pounds, about 6000 was made up of these varieties of fish, the most of which were haddock. They brought a fairly good price here, enough so that it can be said that the market is firm. Other vessels that arrived were the Wesley W. Sinnett with 8000; Dixie, 6000 and Edmund F. Black with 12,000.

Only about 400 barrels of herring were brought in by the fishermen Friday, as owing to the high winds Thursday night it was hazardous work trying to do much in the way of fishing. In addition to heavy shipments almost daily by steamer and rail to the eastern packers, the coasting sch. M. J. Sewall arrived at Portland Friday and will take a full cargo of the little fish to Eastport.

### Mackerel Catch to Date.

The catch of salt mackerel by the New England fleet to date is 2955 barrels, against 15,811 barrels at this time last year, 19,869 barrels in 1908, 30,770 barrels in 1907, 9,883 barrels in 1906 and 28,881 barrels in 1905.

The catch of fresh mackerel by the New England fleet to date is 19,335 barrels, against 43,349 barrels to date last year, 47,452 barrels in 1908, 56,163 barrels in 1907, 26,218 barrels in 1906, and 49,053 barrels in 1905.

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date are 19,003 barrels, against 15,579 barrels to date last year, 30,422 barrels in 1908, 13,492 barrels in 1907, 26,218 barrels in 1906 and 16,741 barrels in 1905.

The imports of fresh mackerel at Boston to date are 4,413 barrels to date, against 9,834 barrels to date last year, 12,045 barrels in 1908, 6,391 barrels in 1907, 17,295 barrels in 1906 and 7,251 barrels in 1905.